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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/437,607; Filed: November 10, 1999
For: **Recovering Metals from Soil**
Inventors: Chaney *et al.*
Our Ref: 1797.0090005/RWE/KKV

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated December 8, 1999, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (*in duplicate*);
3. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
4. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
5. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
6. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
7. Return postcard; and

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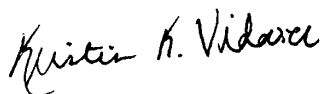
8. Our Check No. 216886 for \$4,237.00 to cover:
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| \$ <u>690.00</u> | Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) |
| \$ <u>3,307.00</u> | Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) |
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| \$ <u>110.00</u> | For extension of time fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. |

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	\$690.00
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	334	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					690.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
61 - 20** =	41	X 18	2501.00
Indep. Claims 10 - 3** =	7	X 78	546.00
Multiple Dependent			260.00

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
108	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 3,307.00

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
Filing Date Granted

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a
☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 2457.00

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 700 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☒ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ 738 for 41 total claims over 20.

\$ 546 for 7 independent claims over 3.

\$ 360 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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